

Concordia Stingers



Tuesday, April 7, 1998

CFL's Argos draft Miller-Johnston 2nd overall

Dave Miller-Johnston - #16
6'1", 180 pounds
Punter/Place Kicker
5th-year Geography
Greely, Ont.



Dave Miller-Johnston, a fourth-year punter and placekicker with the Concordia Stingers, was the second pick overall in the annual Canadian Football League college draft held via conference call Tuesday morning.

The Toronto Argonauts used their only first-round pick to draft Miller-Johnston. Kicker Mike Vanderjagt, who was with the Argos last season, left for the NFL over the winter, leaving Toronto with a big hole to fill.

Only defensive lineman Tim Fleischer from Harvard University was chosen before Miller-Johnston.

"I'm absolutely thrilled," said Miller-Johnston from the Concordia football office Tuesday afternoon. "Ever since I was a little kid I wanted to play in the CFL, and I'm 100 per cent thrilled to be given the chance to earn my living in the CFL."

In 1997, Miller-Johnston was the top punter in the O-QIFC and had the second best average in the CIAU with a 42.1 average on 61 punts. He was named a CIAU All-Canadian last November. He was also the O-QIFC all-star punter and place-kicker. Miller-Johnston led the O-QIFC in scoring with 61 points, including a touchdown.

In addition, Miller-Johnston was named Concordia's Male Athlete of the Year at the university's annual athletic awards banquet on April 2.

Miller-Johnston joins a long list of Stingers who were drafted in the first round of the CFL draft, beginning with cornerback Mark Montreuil who was drafted third overall by the Argos in 1995. Montreuil was also picked in the NFL draft and currently plays for the San Diego Chargers. Wide receiver Denis Montana (Montreal) and fullback Farell Duclair (Calgary) were first rounders in 1996.

"I think it's a positive reflection on our football program," said Concordia head coach Pat Sheahan. "I think you can trace it back to Mark Montreuil. Our athletes realized with him just how much work goes into being a professional athlete and have followed suit. I'm very pleased for Dave. He's worked extremely hard to get to this point and he deserves everything good that comes his way."

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